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THE CRYING NEED

of the times, according to some of our best statesmen, is the reform of our currency and banking laws.

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Max Gottberg is happy this week, and there is method in his happiness. Last week the Motor Club made a run over the state, in which Max entered a small Ford runabout, which was the smallest car entered in the entire run, and when the points had been all calculated, it was found that Gottberg's little car had won the first prize of \$250 for having the fewest points registered against it in the endurance contest. As a matter of fact, the Gottberg car had not a single point marked against it as a road car, but was charged for the simple reason that it was in the way of a big touring car which ran into it at North Platte, and damaged it somewhat, which appears hardly fair when it was no fault of either car or the driver. The second car in the run was a Marion, which was charged with thirty-three demerits, while the last car to merit was given a rating of 253 points off of perfect. Twelve cars were accounted for as having finished the run, and the showing made by Mr. Gottberg is certainly gratifying when the advertised class of some of the cars and the size and weight of his own car are considered.

Besides Mr. Gottberg, there is another happy man here also. His name is John A. Reece, manager of the Reece Shoe Company, who had his windows arranged in such a manner as to attract the attention of the metropolitan motorists. Yesterday, Mr. Reece received the following letter from E. H. Sprague, president of the Omaha Rubber Company.

Dear Mr. Reece:

I was in Columbus last Tuesday in the World Herald Automobile endurance run, and while passing a street, my attention was called to one of the most attractive windows in a shoe store that I ever saw, and upon looking further found the sign read "The Reece Shoe Company."

I want to congratulate you on the up to date appearance of your store. I do not know when I saw a store that impressed me more than yours did; and if the citizens of your town and city can be affected in that way, success is surely yours.

Regretting I did not have the pleasure of meeting you personally, and with best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

E. H. SPRAGUE.

Do not such things as these make Columbus citizen feel glad that he has the good fortune to live in a city that attracts such attention from such sources? That this attention is thoroughly deserved is shown in one instance by official disinterested markings of merit only; in the other by the fact that the merchant receiving the compliment was an utter stranger to the man who paid it.

A number of people have asked to have books reserved at the public library. Hereafter books will be reserved for two days after their return, upon request, and the payment of one cent for postal notice to the borrower desiring the book.

Miss Nettie LeGrange, of Fullerton, spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Wood Smith. Miss LeGrange was enroute to Lincoln to enter the Wesleyan University.

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Henry Brandt made a business trip to Montee the first of the week.

A. R. Miller is attending the bankers convention in Omaha this week.

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M. and Mrs. John Hooper went to Omaha Tuesday for a brief visit with relatives.

A eight pound by took up his residence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Sullivan Monday.

Mrs. Z. A. Weldin returned the first of the week from Gibbon, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Otto Walters left this morning for Chicago, where he will enter the law department of the Chicago University for the coming year.

Dickinson For Congress.

During the past few days there has been considerable talk as to who might be the candidates for congress on the two tickets in this district, to complete the unexpired term of the late Congressman Latta. It appears to be a foregone conclusion that Dan V. Stephens, of Fremont would be the democratic candidate, although it is said there are a number of democrats throughout the state and district who are inclined to frown upon the proposed scheme to railroad him into congress. Other democrats whose names have been prominently mentioned in this capacity are Chris Gruenther of this county, and W. L. Rose, of Nance county.

Among the Republicans, there has been considerable sentiment expressed in favor of a Platte county man, although other names that have been spoken of in connection with the position in addition to those mentioned last week include those of Former Congressman J. J. McCarthy, of Ponca, J. C. Elliott, of West Point, and R. S. Dickenson, of this city. The boom of Mr. Dickenson did not take tangible form until today, and after consulting a number of local republicans, he announced that he would consider the matter, and consult with party men in other parts of the district. While Platte county republicans hope that Mr. Dickenson will finally decide to enter the race, it is not certain that he will do so, but there is good reason to expect that if he does he will have no trouble in securing the nomination.

Miss Ethel Goff, of Omaha, arrived in the city Thursday for a visit of two weeks with old-time friends here. She reports that the family is doing well in the metropolis.



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J. D. Stires made a business trip to Oakdale the first of the week.

Second annual ball of Spanish War Veterans. Orpheus Hall, Monday October 2.

Miss Mable Ryan, of O'Neil, arrived the first of the week for an extended visit with her cousin, Miss Nellie Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Malone returned Saturday from a six weeks' pleasure trip throughout the east. Cleveland, Chicago and Milwaukee receiving a share of their attention.

Dr. L. P. Carstensen, veterinarian.

Wood Smith left Sunday for Chicago, where he goes on business.

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Oscar Baker returned to Nebraska City Tuesday after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. O. L. Baker.

Miss Helen Wise will arrive the last of the week for a few days visit with her cousin, M. S. Binney before returning to her home in Denver.

Mrs. R. M. Campbell spent Tuesday in Omaha. She was accompanied home Tuesday evening by her mother, Mrs. C. H. Sheldon, who had been visiting relatives there for a few days.

Miss Mamie Elliott left Monday for Lincoln, where she will attend the University. Miss Elliott graduated from the University with the class of 09, but returns this year for special work.

Patrons of the library desiring certain books which the library does not contain are encouraged to leave the name of the author and the title of the book with the librarian. It will then be presented to the book committee, and, if possible, purchased.

Columbus has had a new restaurant in business for the past week, Charles Snyers, of Monroe, having purchased the place formerly conducted by George Hilliard, opposite the depot. The past two winters Mr. Snyers has attended school in Columbus and in the meantime putting in his spare time working at the Thurston hotel and the Home restaurant, as a result of which he has received a good insight into the business.

Jonas Welch.

The people of this city were shocked Sunday to learn of the death of Jonas Welch, which had taken place during the previous night. Although he had been in bad health for several months, and his death was not wholly unexpected, people were hardly prepared to learn of his taking away at the time, as he had been feeling as well as usual Saturday. Indeed he had spent the day at the home of his son, W. J. Welch, west of Monroe, where he had gone in an automobile Saturday morning, and returned in the evening.

The following account of his life is taken from J. Streling Morton's "History of Nebraska."

"Jonas Welch was born in Dorsetshire, England, August 22, 1840, the first son of a family of seven children. His father, Moses Welch, a native of the same city, was born in 1815, and was a blacksmith in moderate circumstances. His mother, Harriet Rawlings, also a native of Dorsetshire, was born in 1818. As far back as the written records of the family extend, the ancestry of both branches had lived in that part of England. When Jonas Welch was seven years of age he came with his parents to America. They landed at New Orleans in the fall of 1847, after an ocean voyage of eight weeks and three days. They went on to St. Louis, and after a residence there of two years, moved to Alton, Illinois and four years later to a farm near Brighton, Illinois, where Jonas acquired his education in the common schools. In March, 1857, the family started for Nebraska, taking the Overland trail with three yoke of oxen. They arrived in Florence, April 24 of the same year. After a period of rest in that important pioneer place, they went to Genoa, in Platte,



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years, and belongs to Wilsey Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mr. Welch was married on Christmas Day, 1862, to Miss Margaret Shackleton, who is also a native of England."

Mr. Welch is survived by his wife, three sons, William J. and Robert M. Welch, of Monroe, and Charles A. Welch, of Columbus; and four daughters, Mrs. William Fox, of Spalding, and Mrs. Harry Newman, Mrs. George Galley and Mrs. Martha Watts, of Columbus.

The funeral was held yesterday from the Presbyterian church, Pastor Harkness conducting the services, and the Masonic Lodge being in charge at the grave.

St. Francis Academy Notes.
Rev. Father Sigmund left for Duncan this morning to assist in some parish work.

Sunday, October 1, will be the opening of the Rosary devotion at St. Bonaventure's church. On October 4 the Feast of St. Francis will be commemorated.

Venerable Sister Rufina, of Lafayette, Indiana, arrived at the Academy Tuesday evening. She will make a brief stay, and will return to Indiana about the middle of the week.

The pupils of the Academy received Holy Communion in a body this morning, it being the wish of the Pope, and at the same time to commemorate several important events in his life.

Mrs. H. A. Fritz will entertain the Alpha kensington club Thursday afternoon.

W. J. Walters left Monday for Chicago where he will visit friends and relatives for several weeks.

Basil Geitzen, who has been spending the summer on his farm near Central City, is in Columbus this week.

Mrs. E. M. Newman is entertaining Mrs. I. J. Housey, of Elkhorn, who arrived Tuesday for a weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Redman have moved into their new home on 17th street, which has just been completed by J. E. Kaufman.

Messrs. Andrew and Theodore Brugger, who have been visiting at the home of their brother M. Brugger for the past two weeks, left this morning for their home in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. J. E. Peterson returned Tuesday from a brief visit at Silver Creek. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. George Merrill, and aunts Mrs. Watts of Terre Haute, Indiana and Mrs. Berger, and daughters Ruth and Mable, of Clay City, Indiana. The ladies will leave the last of the week for their homes.

See the demonstration of corn shelling by transmission of automobile power at Duncan, Saturday, September 23.

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M. F. Bitner left Saturday evening for a visit of ten days with relatives and friends in Michigan and Toledo, Ohio.

Frank Ratterman came up from Omaha yesterday for a visit of a few days at the home of his father, Judge Ratterman.

Mrs. P. F. Luchsinger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCray and Christ lossi spent Sunday with the lossi brothers near Platte Center.

Mrs. C. C. Hardy is entertaining her two sisters this week, Mrs. Henry Knudson, of Newman Grove, and Mrs. Ruth, of Crowell, who arrived Monday.

Mrs. Irve Speice and daughter Katherine returned Sunday evening from a six weeks' visit with relatives at Boston, Massachusetts, and Portland, Maine.

Mrs. E. M. Newman spent Saturday in Omaha, returning Saturday evening. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Hensley, who had been spending a week with her son Jay at Nebraska City.

Mrs. M. W. Langley and Mrs. Nellie Hargrave will go to Gibbon the last of the week for a brief visit with relatives. Mrs. Langley will continue her journey from there to her home in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. William Albers arrived today from an extended trip to their old home in Germany. During their absence they visited the scenes where their childhood days were spent and report having had a very pleasant visit abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dehart and children left Tuesday for Superior, where they will make their future home. Mr. Dehart bought the Macy studio at that place. Mr. John Adams, a graduate of the Effingham Art school at Effingham, Illinois, has bought the Dehart's studio. Mr. Adams is not a stranger to Columbus people, having been raised in Platte county. He is a son of Nick Adams one of our well known farmers, and will be heartily welcome into business circles.

Junior Post, who has been in the employ of the government, at Mitchell, is spending his short vacation at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Post.

The large barn and house on the farm of Louis Luckey, two miles east of the city were completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire originated in the barn, but how it started will probably never be known. A strong wind was blowing from the southeast at the time and carried the fire to the house. The only way there was to fight the fire was by a single pump, and that was located between the house and barn, and it was impossible to maintain even a bucket brigade. A considerable amount of furniture in the house was saved by the neighbors, while everything in the barn was lost, including several hundred bushels of grain, a large quantity of hay and straw, two horses and a lot of tools. The barn was the largest in the vicinity of Columbus, and was built two years ago. The loss will reach several thousand dollars, and is partly covered by insurance.

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Miss Gladys Kemp, of Blair, arrived the first of the week and will spend the winter with her aunt Mrs. C. C. Sheldon. Miss Kemp will take up High School work during her stay, fitting herself for teaching.

Miss Genevieve Reece entertained Misses Elizabeth Scott, and Elsie Goodfellow, of Ashland, and Miss Genevieve Parkhurst, of Lincoln Saturday. Sunday the young ladies accompanied by Miss Reece left for Kearney, where they will attend the Normal the coming year.

Mr. John Reece is looking forward to a visit from his brother P. L. Reece of Netcong New Jersey the last of the week. Mr. Reece is a member of the firm of Waltz & Reece construction company and has been in Billings, Montana, on business for several months but is now enroute home.

Monday evening sixteen young people met at the home of Miss Grace Lukker and organized an evening Five Hundred club. The club will meet every two weeks at which time two members will play the part of hostess and host. The members are Misses Margaret Becher, Rose Gass, Matilda Schneider, Clara Bloedorn, Stella Becher, Minnie Glur, Sophia Moersson and Grace Lukker; and Messrs. Walter Heuer, Ned James, Herbert Clark, Will Stubblefield, Earl Gossard, John Speicher, Frank Moersson, and Carl Gossard.]

About midnight last Wednesday night the fire department was called to the coal sheds of the Hord grain Co., which had taken fire, presumably from spontaneous combustion of a quantity of slack in some of the bins. The nature of the fire made it very difficult to fight it, because of the heat and cool smoke. The sheds are cement floored and covered with sheet iron and this fact probably accounts for the fire being kept confined to the premises, as the high south wind might have carried sparks to the wooden blacksmith and implement houses on the north had it not been so. The loss is estimated at about \$500. Manager Rush showed his appreciation of the work of the department by inviting the boys to a lunch at one of the restaurants after the fire.

Mrs. Hall and son Harry of Winter, South Dakota, spent several days last week at the home of S. J. Ryan. They were enroute to Spalding where Harry will enter Spalding college for the coming year.

FOR SALE—640 acres of land in Wheeler county, four and one half miles N. W. of Bartlett the county seat, 320 acres fenced and crossed fenced improved, plenty of hay, 120 acres in cultivation, priced low for a quick sale; price \$10.50 per acre, a good clear deed given. Address D. G. Brewer, Spalding, Nebraska.

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